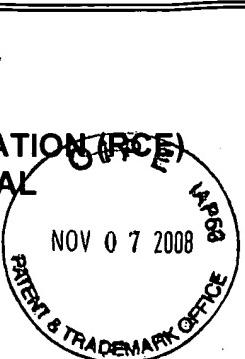


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3671  
\$**REQUEST**

for

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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 P.O. Box 1450  
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Application Number	10/578,349
Filing Date	May 5, 2006
First Named Inventor	Yoshiyuki KOBA
Group Art Unit	3671
Examiner Name	Gary S. Hartmann
Attorney Docket Number	2006_0650A
Confirmation No.	5093

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
*Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.*

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 – Note:** If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Please consider the arguments in the Amendment After Final previously filed on September 22, 2008
    - ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Enclosed:
    - i.  Amendment/Reply
    - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv.  Other Petition for Extension of Time
2. **Miscellaneous**
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)**
  - a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayments of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. .
    - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.  Check in the amount of \$ 895.00 enclosed
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    - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
    - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.  Payment is made by credit card in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**4. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

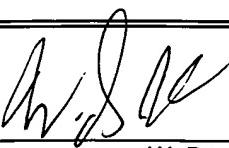
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November 7, 2008

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.